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REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION OF HOLDING OF ABANDONMENT PURSUANT TO MPEP § 711.03; AND CONTINGENT PETITION UNDER 37 CFR § 1.181 TO WITHDRAW HOLDING OF ABANDONMENT OR PETITION UNDER 37 CFR § 1.137(b) TO REVIVE UNINTENTIONALLY ABANDONED APPLICATION

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Sir:

Applicants are in receipt of a Notice of Abandonment in the referenced application mailed by the Patent and Trademark Office on May 22, 2006, which states that the application is abandoned for failure to reply to the Office Action mailed on September 23, 2005.

Applicants contend that the application is not in fact abandoned, because an appropriate and timely response to the Office Action mailed September 23, 2005, was filed on December 21, 2005. Therefore, Applicants file this Request for Reconsideration of Holding of Abandonment Pursuant to MPEP § 711.03. If the Office for any reason deems that the Request pursuant to MPEP § 711.03 cannot be granted, this paper is to be treated as a petition to the Commissioner under 37 CFR § 1.181 to withdraw the holding of abandonment and/or a petition under 37 CFR § 1.137(b) to revive unintentionally abandoned application, as the Commissioner deems appropriate.

Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of the holding of abandonment and provide the following facts in support thereof.

REMARKS

A. Applicants' Response Timely Filed

Applicants' file indicates that the Amendment and Request for Reconsideration Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 and Notice of Appeal From the Examiner to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences in this case was mailed on December 21, 2005, and timely responded to by Applicants on December 21, 2005. A copy of Applicants' Amendment and Request for Reconsideration Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 and Notice of Appeal From the Examiner to the Board of Patent Appeals, transmittal letter and itemized postcard mailed on December 21, 2005, are attached hereto as Appendix A.

Further, Applicants' representative received a return postcard date-stamped by the Office, indicating that Applicants' response to the Office Action mailed on December 21, 2005, was received by the Office on December 27, 2005. A copy of the return postcard showing the Office's date stamp is attached hereto as Appendix B.

In view of the above, Applicants respectfully submit that an appropriate response to the Office Action was filed in a timely manner and request that the Notice of Abandonment be withdrawn and that the application proceed to substantive examination as soon as possible.

B. Contingent Petition Under 37 CFR 1.181 or, in the Alternative, 37 CFR 1.137(b)

This paper is a request for reconsideration of the holding of abandonment pursuant to MPEP § 711.03. If the Office deems that such withdrawal of the holding of abandonment is not proper, Applicants request that alternatively, and to the extent required, this paper be treated as a petition to the Commissioner under 37 CFR § 1.181 to withdraw the holding of abandonment and/or a petition under 37 CFR § 1.137(b) to revive unintentionally abandoned application, as the Commissioner deems appropriate.

Because Applicants timely filed a response to the Office Action dated September 23, 2005, it is believed that no fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 to 1.21 are occasioned by the filing of this paper; however, should the Commissioner determine otherwise, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to deduct said fees, including any petition fees, from Fulbright & Jaworski Deposit Account No. 50-1212/UTSD:703USD1/SLH.

Please date stamp and return the enclosed postcard evidencing receipt of this paper.

Respectfully submitted,

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Title: PROTEIN/SOLUBILITY FOLDING ASSESSED BY STRUCTURAL COMPLEMENTATION Serial No.: Mailed: Applicant: PHILIP JORDAN THOMAS, ET AL. Client: UT SOUTHWESTERN MEDICAL CENTER AT DALLAS Please indicate receipt of the below-identified paper: APPEAL AND POSTCARD. $oxed{oxed}$ Other: Transmittal form; amdmentment and Req. for Recon. under 37 c.f.r. \S 1.116; notice of Response to Office Action Dated: Assignment Enclosed New Application For: Specification: Continuation Foreign priority already claimed 10/748,720 Pages IDENTIFICATION OF APPLICATION CIP ○ Cert. of Timely Mailing Filed: 12/21/05 ς, 09/23/05 Drawings: Divisional Priority Date: F&J File No.: UTSD:703USD1 Attorney: Due Date: Sheets Final Rejection Exp. Mail: CPA SLH